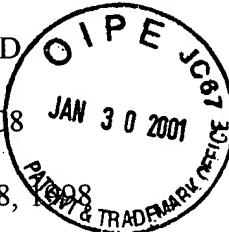


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Dear Sir:

Amendment Accompanying the Filing of Continued Prosecution Application

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2000, please enter the following amendments to the Claims prior to examining the Claims on the merits in the above-identified Continued Prosecution Application:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 64-71, 73-80, 82-89, and 91 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Three Times Amended) An electrode assembly for an electrochemical cell, comprising:

- (a) an anode assembly comprising an elongated strip of alkali metal forming an anode and an anode current collector having at least a first connector tab disposed on a first edge thereof, the strip of elongated alkali metal having a first length and a first height, the anode current collector having a